

REPORT OF THE D-8 CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF WORKING GROUP ON MARINE AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

MANADO, INDONESIA, 13 MAY 2009

Introduction

1. The D-8 Consultative Meeting of Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries (WGMAF) was held in Manado, Indonesia, on 13 May 2009. The Meeting was attended by delegations from 7 member countries, namely, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Turkey. The delegation of the Republic of Bangladesh was not present. The Secretary-General of D-8, whose unfortunately could not be present at the meeting, conveyed his remarks through teleconference. The list of delegations is attached as **Annex I**.

Agenda Item 1: Opening Session

2. Dr. Martani Husaini, Director General of Fish Product Processing and Marketing of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Indonesia, extended his warmest welcome to all delegates. He underlined that the establishment of the WGMAF was significant, because the D-8 consists of coastal countries which contributes to food security, mitigation of climate change, and the marine-tourism. He expressed his hope for the meeting to be able to exchange information on member country's priorities and challenges in marine and fisheries sector, in order to formulate a concrete and feasible mechanism reflected in the Terms of Reference of the WGMAF. The full text of his opening remarks is attached as **Annex II**.
3. Mr. Dipo Alam, the D-8 Secretary General, in his remarks, underlined two potentials that need to be followed-up by D-8 countries in marine and fisheries sector, namely the D-8 intra-trade in fisheries products and marine tourism. The text of his remarks is attached as **Annex III**.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

4. The Chairman briefed the meeting on the tentative agenda that has been circulated to all delegates before the meeting. The meeting unanimously adopted the agenda as attached in **Annex IV**.

Agenda Item 3: Country Presentations Followed by Discussion

Egypt

5. Mr. Mohammed Elorabi, Assistant Minister for Economic Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, briefed the meeting on his country's marine and fisheries condition as well as aquaculture sector.
6. The meeting heard comment from the Pakistani representative, that Egypt must play an important role in the WGMAF, taking into account Egypt's leading expertise in aquaculture sector. The meeting also took note of Indonesia's proposal to cooperate with Egypt in the trading of Nile's tilapia.
7. The Egyptian delegation will submit their country paper presentation on marine affairs and fisheries through their embassy in Jakarta, to the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries in due course.

Malaysia

8. Mr. Mohamad Shaupi bin Derahman from Malaysia conveyed his brief statement consisting of recommendations on D-8 cooperation in marine and fisheries, among others: the establishment of effective mechanism for cooperation among the fisheries business communities; exchange of information and capacity building, and preparing a strategy on how the D-8 could cope with the emerging issues such as the European Union regulation to combat Illegal Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing. The brief profile of the Malaysian fisheries sector is attached as **annex V**.
9. The meeting took note of the proposal from the representative of Malaysia that after this meeting, all D-8 member countries should prepare and provide a profile on marine and fisheries along with issues and areas of collaboration, to Indonesia as secretariat of the WGMAF (Director of Center of Analysis for International and Institutional Cooperation, Secretariat General of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Indonesia, Jl. Medan Merdeka Timur no. 16, 6th Floor, Minabahari Building 1, Jakarta 10110, Indonesia, Ph. +6221 3864205, Fax. +6221 3864293) within one month after the D-8 Consultative Meeting in Manado, Indonesia.

Nigeria

10. H.E. Amb. Ibrahim Mai Sule, Ambassador of Nigeria to Indonesia, in his remarks, expressed his hopes for the D-8 marine and fisheries cooperation to include both the exploration of marine fishery and aquaculture industries and their by-products, and capacity building on fisheries technical know-how.

Iran

11. Dr. Sayed Mohammad Bagher Nabavi, Deputy Head of Marine Environment, Department of Environment of IR Iran's presentation covered a general overview on Iranian strategic marine environment in the Caspian sea, Persian gulf, and the gulf of Oman, and the development of fisheries research facilities in IR Iran. The text of his presentation appears as **Annex VI.**
12. The delegations also exchange information on Iran's experience in balancing production and consumption of their fish product.

Pakistan

13. Dr. Nashim Akhtar, Chief Executive Officer of Fisheries Development Board of Pakistan made a presentation regarding the opportunities and challenges of fisheries and aquaculture sector in Pakistan explaining new initiatives in the aquaculture sector and the loss of the economy due to EU ban. The presentation also covered the general figures of production, consumption, and source of livelihood of fisheries industries in Pakistan. The concern to the fisherman community due to climate change was highlighted. The presentation also explained the opportunity in marine and fisheries sector for international collaboration particularly under the umbrella of D-8 countries. The D-8 countries can work on joint project for sustainable enhancement of production with the funding from international organization such as the GEF and ADB. He also invited the D-8 member countries to utilize their expertise in assisting the development of Shrimp farming in Pakistan. Pakistan was of the view that in mechanism for collaboration between the D-8 countries on the line of Coral Triangle Initiatives (CTI) be explored and if feasible considered in the Ministerial Meeting. The full text of this presentation is attached as **Annex VII.**

Turkey

14. H.E. Aydin Evirgen, the Ambassador of Turkey to Indonesia presented a comprehensive overview on the current development of marine, and fisheries as well as aquaculture sector in Turkey. Particularly in the aquaculture, he mentioned FAO's facts that Turkey's aquaculture sector is currently the world's third fastest growing aquaculture sector. Turkey also accounted that the marine-based tourism has contributed significantly to the entire tourism industry in Turkey. He further proposed platform of cooperation and coordination in the following areas: inland and marine cultures, coastal management, hatchery techniques, and improving of hygiene standards. The marine and fisheries profile of Turkey is attached as **annex VIII.**

Indonesia

15. Dr. Sunggul Sinaga, the Director of Centre of Analysis for International and Institutional Cooperation, Ministry of Marine and Fisheries, delivered his presentation which covered Indonesia's potential marine resources as the world's center for sea bio-diversity. He explained among others the implementation of food safety and quality management system of fishery products in fisheries sector in Indonesia which enable Indonesia's product to comply with international regulations. He mentioned the importance of intra-trade among D-8 countries. He also mentioned Indonesia's achievement to reduce the RASFF cases of Indonesian Fishery Products to the EU market in 2008. In addition, at the present time the US, the EU, and Japan are accounted as the main fish products markets from Indonesia. The meeting also took note of Indonesia's willingness to diversify its marine products to the international non-traditional markets. Indonesia also proposed the establishment of marine eco-tourism cooperation. The full text of his presentation is attached as **Annex IX**.
16. Regarding the marine eco-tourism cooperation, the Secretary General of D-8 suggested Turkey to take the lead in this sector. He also recommended the proposal from Pakistan for starting initiatives in marine and fisheries sector, such as the CTI and other multilateral organizations, for the consideration of the D-8 countries.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion on the Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries

17. Due to time limitation, Indonesia will circulate the draft of the Terms of Reference of the WGMAF within one month after this meeting to the D-8 countries and the D-8 Secretariat. Member countries will submit their comments to Indonesia within one month after they have received the draft ToR.

Agenda Item 6: Date and Venue of the 1st Senior Officials and Ministerial Meeting on Marine Affairs and Fisheries

18. The Egyptian delegation has indicated their readiness to host the first D-8 Senior Officials Meeting and Ministerial Meeting on Marine Affairs and Fisheries in Alexandria, Egypt, in November 2009.

Agenda Item 7: Consideration and Adoption of the Report of the D-8 Consultative Meeting of Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries

19. The Meeting considered and adopted the Report of the D-8 Consultative Meeting of Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries as attached in **Annex X**.

Agenda Item 16: Closing

20. Delegations expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting and for the productive outcome of the D-8 Consultative Meeting of Working Group on Marine and Fisheries on 13 May 2009, in Manado, Indonesia.
21. The Chairman of the meeting and the Secretary General of D-8 appreciated the contributions made by the delegations and wished them a pleasant stay in Manado, and a safe journey back home.